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Dear Friend of the Congress of Freedom:

The enclosed is a detailed answer to Operation America Bulletin No. 17 dated May 10, 1954.

There follows the policy statement on which Mr. Kruckman bases his attack. Read it carefully, then read the American Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. Then decide whether the Operation America bulletin is justified.

PLATFORM OF THE CONGRESS OF FREEDOM

Give the Constitution back to the People!

Our pledge is to fight for freedom. These are the truths which we hold to be self evident:

That considered from the standpoint of the intent of the Founding Fathers, the Constitution of the United States has been almost destroyed.

That while such destruction has been performed ostensibly for our "good" the effect has made dependent parasites of a once free, proud and self-reliant people.

That the principles of individual liberty embodied in the Declaration of Independence have been bargained away for a series of compromises on the altar of expediency.

That it is impossible to compromise a principle because once a principle is compromised it is no longer a principle, it is only a compromise.

Let us then take our purpose from these principles as stated here in the Declaration of Independence:

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Quote -- "That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these (unalienable rights), it is the right of the people to alter or abolish... But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evidence a design to reduce (the people) under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their security." -- End quote from the Declaration.

Recognizing that a Marxian Revolution has taken place in our country, we are ready for a counter-revolution.

To increase our freedom from government on all fronts, we hereby present these principles:

As a guide to foreign and domestic policy we adopt this principle: We oppose all governmental actions which take by force, or threat of force, the money or property of one man to give to another. We reject all legislation based on a "share the wealth" program.

As a means to reestablish our liberty in specific areas we propose acceptance by the Congress of these three paramount issues as our policy:

1. We oppose the use of government force embodied in the present draft law and the proposed Universal Military Training Law, which conscript and would permanently conscript our sons to fight on foreign soil, in a series of entangling wars and threats of war allegedly to keep the peace. We decry the war we have lost in Korea and we will oppose American participation in the war in Indochina.

2. Taxation without limitation must be halted. Firm in this resolution we therefore believe we must stand foursquare for the complete repeal of the 16th Amendment, the Federal Income Tax.

It is not our purpose here to propose new taxes. We believe that if we abolish all foreign aid, all foreign and domestic "share the wealth" programs, the Federal Government will not need the 16th Amendment for its revenues. Other measures can be found if the government's power to spend our money is severely limited. The primary problem is not to raise money, but to reduce drastically all government spending. Repeal of the income tax amendment will do the job.

3. As an initial means of drastically abolishing expenditures, be it hereby resolved that the Government of the United States cease and desist supporting foreign governments, thereby perpetuating their forms of communism and socialism. As a means

of severing our entangling alliances with foreign nations, be it hereby highly resolved that the United States of America withdraw immediately from the United Nations!

And as a part of an amendment to limit our treaty making power and executive agreement power, we propose a clause which will prohibit our participation in the United Nations, or any other scheme whose aim is world government at any time in the future.

We must work to restore love of our Republic.

You have heard of our three resolutions.

To these ends we urge measures in government, education, religion, and labor which are designed to reestablish complete freedom of choice for that sacred unit of individualism, the private citizen of our Republic.

To this end, we pledge our utmost devotion, to seek out and join other citizens of our Republic, who in the coming battle are willing to repeat the last line of the Declaration of Independence:

To this end, "we pledge our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

We of the Policy Committee of the Congress of Freedom submit these resolutions to you in the form of this pledge. Our pledge is accompanied by a stamp of approval spoken at the Constitutional Convention by the Father of our Country, George Washington.

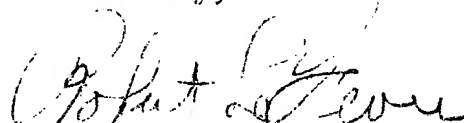
Washington said:

"If, to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterward defend our work. Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair. The event is in the hand of God."

- - - - - Signed for the Committee - Thaddous Ashby

Your comments will be appreciated.

Sincerely,


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